



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 982***

LCO No. 3345

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT TRUANCY CLINIC IN WATERBURY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Probate Court  
2       Administrator may, within available appropriations, establish a pilot  
3       truancy clinic within the regional children's probate court for the  
4       district of Waterbury. The administrative judge of the regional  
5       children's probate court for the district of Waterbury shall administer  
6       the clinic.

7       (b) The principal of any elementary or middle school in the  
8       Waterbury school district, or the principal's designee, may refer to the  
9       clinic a parent or guardian with a child enrolled in such school who is  
10      a truant, as defined in section 10-198a of the general statutes, or at risk  
11      of becoming a truant. Upon receiving such referral, the truancy clinic  
12      shall prepare a citation and summons for the parent or guardian of the  
13      child to appear at the clinic. An attendance officer authorized pursuant  
14      to section 10-199 of the general statutes, or an officer authorized  
15      pursuant to section 10-200 of the general statutes, shall deliver the  
16      citation, summons and a copy of the referral to the parent or guardian.

17 (c) The administrative judge of the regional children's probate court  
 18 for the district of Waterbury may refer any matter referred to the clinic  
 19 to a court of probate.

20 (d) The truancy clinic shall operate for the purpose of identifying  
 21 and resolving the cause of a child's truancy using nonpunitive  
 22 procedures. The participation of a parent or guardian in the truancy  
 23 clinic shall be voluntary. The truancy clinic shall establish protocols for  
 24 clinic participation and shall establish programs and relationships with  
 25 schools, individuals, public and private agencies, and other  
 26 organizations to provide services and support for parents, guardians  
 27 and children participating in the clinic.

28 (e) The Probate Court Administrator shall issue regulations, in  
 29 accordance with subsection (c) of section 45a-77 of the general statutes,  
 30 to implement the truancy clinic and measure the clinic's effectiveness.

31 (f) Not later than September 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, the  
 32 administrative judge of the regional children's probate court for the  
 33 district of Waterbury shall file a report with the Probate Court  
 34 Administrator assessing the clinic's effectiveness.

35 (g) Not later than January 1, 2015, the Probate Court Administrator  
 36 shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, a  
 37 report assessing the effectiveness of the truancy clinic to the joint  
 38 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 39 matters relating to the judiciary and education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To codify a pilot truancy clinic currently operating within the Waterbury regional children's probate court.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*